

**Declaration of Intent
between
The Department of Transportation of the United States of America
and
The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of Japan**

The Department of Transportation of the United States of America (DOT) and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of Japan (MOLIT) (hereinafter referred to as “Participants”);

With common awareness of the advantage of promoting innovative bus systems and subsystems that are designed to reduce emissions, improve air quality, and promote fuel efficiency;

Desiring to promote scientific and technological cooperation in the field of transportation, particularly in the area of alternative fuel vehicles;

Wishing to explore the potential for multilateral cooperation in this field in the future;

Express here their intention to promote cooperative activities as follows.

1. Purpose

The participants intend to cooperate in a program regarding the development of Low Emission Vehicles including fuel cell vehicles, alternative fuel vehicles and alternative fuel for vehicles. Project management responsibility for the DOT will be assigned to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and project management responsibility for the (MOLIT) will be assigned to the Road Transport Bureau.

The objective of participants is to benefit from each other’s research, to avoid duplication of effort and, in accordance with the principle of mutual benefit, to reduce the costs of research for both Participants.

2. Scope of Work

Joint activities may include:

- a. Regular exchange of reports and studies;
- b. Joint research work;
- c. Mutual invitation to seminars and conferences;
- d. Reciprocal visits to technical installation and observation of developmental test;
and
- e. Exchange of equipment, including fuel cell vehicles.

3. Project Officers

Within thirty (30) days of signature of this document, each Participant intends to designate a Project Officer to be responsible for the accomplishment of the tasks and objectives set out in this document, and to be principal points of contact between the Participants for the cooperative activities.

4. Participation of other persons concerned

With regard to the cooperative activities under this document, the Participants may include, as appropriate, the participation of other relevant governmental agencies, researchers and organizations from all sectors of research establishment of, including universities, national laboratories and the private sectors.

5. Funding

The participation of each Participant is subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

6. Limitation

No obligation or liabilities are assumed nor implied by this document. Each participant should exercise its best efforts to ensure the accuracy of all data transmitted to the other Participant as part of this cooperative programs, but the accuracy of such data is not guaranteed. Each participant should use the other's data at its own risk.

7. Duration and Termination

Either participant may end its cooperation under the MOC at any time, but should provide sixty (60) days prior written notice to the other Participant.

Signed on _____, 2001, in

For the
Department of Transportation of the
United States of America

For the
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure
and Transport of Japan